

c. 1859

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BYWAY  
Garrison Forest Road  
Garrison  
Maryland  
Private

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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y-576.410

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MCI #00012504

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

BYWAY

AND/OR COMMON

Cover House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Garrison Forest Rd.

Second

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs Thomas Cover, III

Telephone #: 363-0917

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Garrison Forest Road

CITY, TOWN

Garrison,

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland zip code 21055

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 1076

Folio #: 364

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

BYWAY is a two storey frame house, five bays in length, its principal facade closely oriented to the road, to the west; it has a two storey frame wing extending east behind the southerly two bays. The three southerly bays, measuring approximately 16 by 32 feet, are original, dating from the mid nineteenth century. The east wing was added later in the nineteenth century or early in the twentieth; the two northerly bays, an east wing behind them and extensive interior alterations date from 1934.

A one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across the south end of the main house and east wing, wrapping around to shelter the entire west facade as well. Exterior brick chimneys, dating from the 1934 alterations, rise against each gable end of the main house and at the north side of the east wing. The principal entrance is centered in the west front and typical windows are 6/6 set in narrow frames and flanked with louvred blinds. Exterior walls are covered with wood shingles. Porch roofs are of tin while the house roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

Three rooms are in the main section of the house, the center one being an entrance hall, formerly the north room of the original structure. A modern staircase rises, open, against the east wall of the southerly room and much of the simple interior detailing is modern. The second floor plan is similar to the first. Original two-plane beaded architraves remain at most windows and some doors. Some doors in the second storey are also original, having four partially-raised panels without mouldings.

The attic is accessible by a ceiling hatch. Rafters are mitered at the ridges and the surviving east rafters of the front section, together with sheathing and shingles in situ, indicates this section to be the original. These elements are assembled with cut nails.

The stone-walled cellar extends beneath the two older sections. Log joists structure the first floor of the three southerly bays of the front section while circular-sawn joists structure the first floor of the southerly east wing.

Southeast of the dwelling is an early small barn, now used as a garage, two storeys in height with a hipped roof; exterior walls are sheathed in horizontal weatherboarding over original vertical siding. The structure is a hewn braced-frame with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints; many elements are replacements. The second floor joists are straight-sawn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

DATE

May 1, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## BY-WAY - Deed Search

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber/Folic</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
10-10-39	1076/364	George Y. and Dorothy Klinefelter	Thomas, III, and Olive Ann B. Cover
10-5-34	940/236	Rosalie Cursey & hus.	George Y. & Dorothy C. Klinefelter
1-14-20	519/502	Annie R. & John T. Brooks	Rosalie Cursey
8-11-87	164/183	Edward N. Rich (attorney)	John T. and Annie R. Brooks
(Edward N. Rich was attorney empowered to sell land and buildings on a mortgage to Franklin Permanent Bldg. Asso. of Baltimore dated 8-8-83)			
10-27-82	131/367	George W. Morningstar	Sarah E. Bitzer
2-8-81	120/428	Sarah E. Bitzer	George W. Morningstar
10-6-77	106-291	M. Colston Berridge (M. C. Berridge was trustee for estate of Samuel Bitzer, husband of Sarah)	Sarah E. Bitzer
11-25-63	39/311	Louis A. Dahoff (Louis A. Dahoff was a legal "friend" appointed by the Baltimore County Court to watch over the interests of 2 minors, Jesse and Richard Buckman. This case (Judicial G.H.C. 10/370) was tried in 1859 and "a tolerable 2 storey frame house" is mentioned in the proceedings. Jesse and Richard were sons of Benjamin Buckman.)	Samuel Bitzer
4-17-57	19/411	Susan Buckman (For the first time, no house is mentioned in this deed.)	Benjamin Buckman

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